

Warmest March on Record

The average temperature for March 2012 at both the Raleigh-Durham International Airport (RDU) and the Piedmont Triad International Airport (GSO) eclipsed the previous warmest March on record, which was set back in 1945. The average temperature for March 2012 at RDU was 60.4° F, breaking the 67 year old record of 60.2°F. Meanwhile, the average temperature of 59.0 °F at GSO obliterated the 1945 mark of 58.4° F by over a half of a degree. Below are the March 2012 temperature plots for RDU and GSO. Note the frequency in which the daily maximum and maximum temperatures extended into the above normal ranges (red shading), with only a few days at the beginning of the month in which temperatures dipped down into the below normal ranges (blue shading).

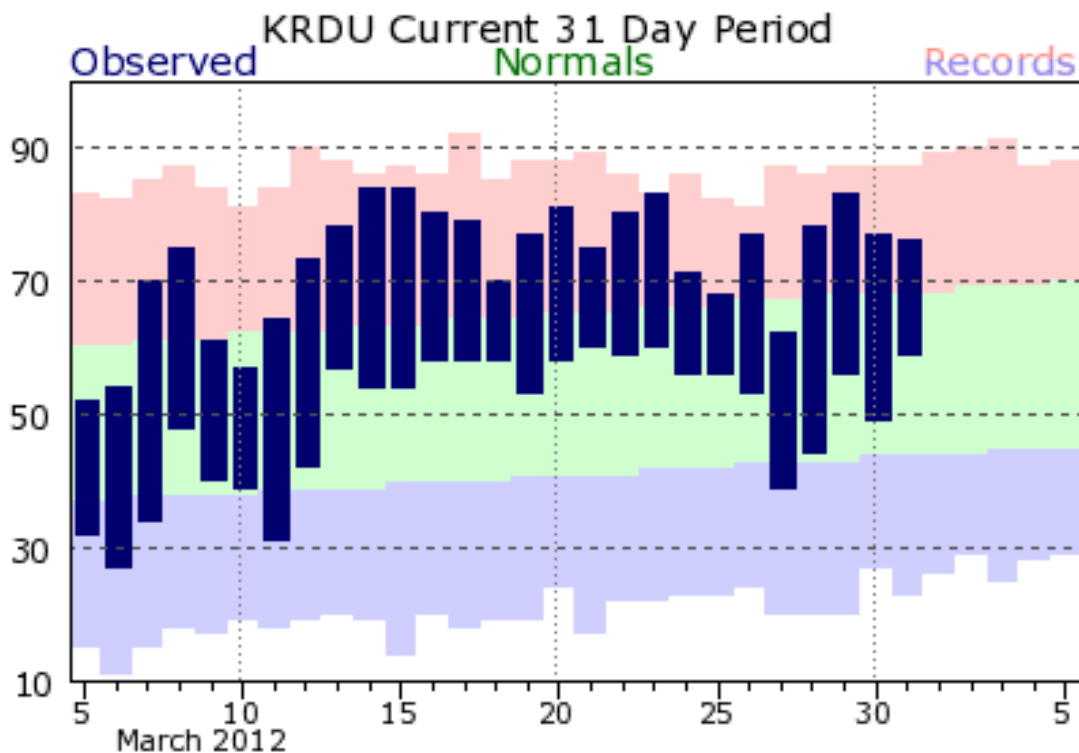


Figure 1. March 2012 Temperature Plot for the Raleigh-Durham International Airport.

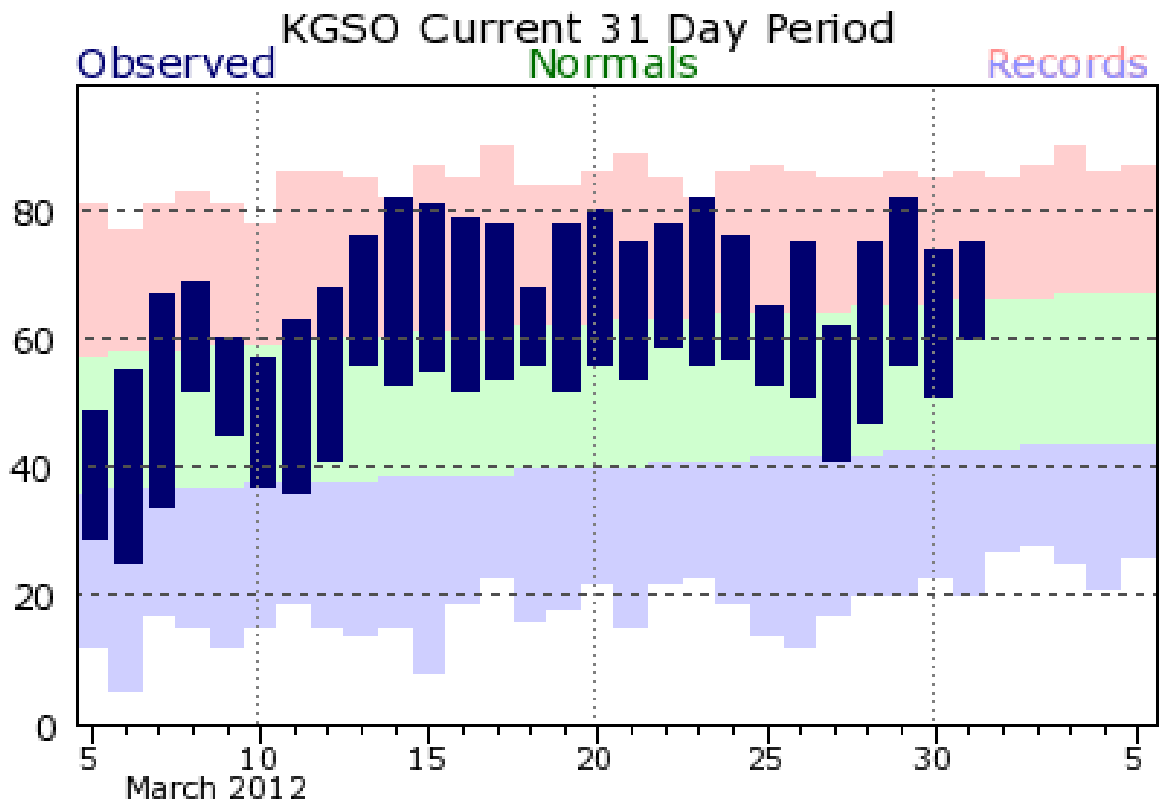


Figure 2. March 2012 Temperature Plot for the Piedmont Triad International Airport.